

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
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Shortage of Skills

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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware that shortage of skills is preventing large segments of the population from being part of country's growth;
- (b) if so, whether any ambitious goals of the National Skill Development Mission call for transformational paradigms to reach out to the informal sector, to the backward regions and to those facing the brunt of social and gender divide; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

(a) to (c) The Government has taken a number of steps to meet the skill requirements in the country. Under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), the flagship scheme of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, short term training is being provided to youth across 221 job-roles. To encourage participation in the skill training of people from special areas and special groups like Women and Persons with Disability (PwD), certain incentives like conveyance allowance for non-residential trainings, boarding and lodging allowances for residential trainings and post placement support are prescribed under the Common Norms.

To expand the outreach of skill development programmes Model Skill Training Centres i.e. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras (PMKKs), are envisaged in every district of the country. In addition, a Scheme is being implemented to promote "Skill Development in 47 districts affected by Left Wing Extremism".